



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of
Burbank et al.

For: METHODS AND APPRATUS FOR
SECURING MEDICAL
INSTRUMENTS TO DESIRED
LOCATIONS IN A PATIENT'S BODY

Serial No.: 10/004,987

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

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This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other: _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
iv. ☒ Submission of Substitute Formal Drawings

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5. **Other documents enclosed herewith:**

☒ Form PTO-1449;

☒ One sheet of formal drawings (Figures 9, 10) in triplicate;

☒ Two return receipt postcards.

☐ Other (Specify: _____).

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above application, as indicated below.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 53 to read as follows:

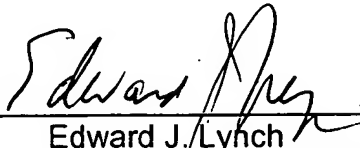
53. The medical device of claim 1, wherein said fixation element comprises at least one radially extendable and retractable member which is radially extendable and retractable from a side of the distal end of the shaft, said member having a free end and being configured for securing the distal end of the shaft adjacent target tissue.

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter is

introduced by the amendment.

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MARKED UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES

Please amend claim 53 to read as follows:

53. The medical device of claim [51]1, wherein said fixation element comprises at least one radially extendable and retractable member which is radially extendable and retractable from a side of the distal end of the shaft, said member having a free end and being configured for securing the distal end of the shaft adjacent target tissue.